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First Sunday after Pentecost



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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Join us after the service for coffee. Join us for Bible Class at 11:00 am.

## **SAY IT OUT LOUD**

The Season after Pentecost features what Christ teaches, and Christians in every vocation are encouraged to say it out loud. The truths of God's Word are good for the soul, useful for life, and more reliable than anything else in the world. Watch out for false teachers who come with wise sounding words and pious promises, but who do not base everything on the Word of God! Give thanks to the Lord for faithful servants in the ministry of the gospel and those who support them!

## **GOD IS TRIUNE**

We believe in the triune God. He is the only true God. The festival of the Holy Trinity is a time to celebrate God revealing himself to us as one God in three persons. The triune God wants his people to teach this mystery in its biblical truth and purity. This festival of the Holy Trinity begins the second half of the Church Year with a proclamation of people being baptized and blessed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the only true God.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## GENESIS 1:1—2:3

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from

darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup>Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup>And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup>God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup>By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup>Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 8E O LORD, Our Lord, How Majestic

*Psalm 8E*



1 O LORD, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your  
2 O LORD, our Lord, when we con - tem - plate the  
3 O LORD, our Lord, you have placed the world be -



name in all the earth! You set your glo - ry a -  
beau - ty of your works, oh, what is man that you  
neath our rule and care; o'er ev - 'ry crea - ture up -



bove the skies by your al - might - y word. In the  
think of him, or stoop to give us worth. Low - er  
on the land with - in the sea and air. Ev - 'ry



sound of chil - dren's praise you have es - tab - lished strength.  
than the an - gel hosts with glo - ry we are crowned.  
breath a gift to praise the King all na - ture serves.



Our eyes we lift, how ma - jes - tic is your  
What joy, what bliss, how ma - jes - tic is your  
Our song is this: how ma - jes - tic is your



name in all the earth!  
name in all the earth!  
name in all the earth!

3

4 O LORD, our Lord, all cre - a - tion cries the  
 won - ders of your name. Where moun-tains rise and where  
 o - ceans kneel, all teem-ing life pro-claim, with the ev - er -  
 last - ing song of your re-deem-ing works: how vast, how  
 rich, how ma - jes - tic is your name in all the earth.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! O  
 LORD, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your name in all the earth.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! O  
 LORD, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your name in all the earth.

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**SECOND READING****2 CORINTHIANS 13:11–14**

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All God's people here send their greetings.

<sup>14</sup>May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Alleluia.

**GOSPEL****MATTHEW 28:16–20**

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

<b><i>HYMN: COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST</i></b>
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**SERMON on GENESIS 1:1—2:3**

## ATHANASIAN CREED

L: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic\* faith.

**C: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

L: And the catholic faith is this,

**C: That we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

L: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**C: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

L: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**C: The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

L: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**C: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

L: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**C: Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

L: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**C: And yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

L: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C: And yet there are not three Gods, but one God. (continued on back) \*universal, Christian**

L: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C: And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

L: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

**C: So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**

L: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

**Men: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**

**Women: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

L: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**Men: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

**Women: But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**

**All: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

L: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

**Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;**

**Women: And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**

**All: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

L: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

**Men: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

**Women: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**

**All: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

L: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**C: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

L: Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**C: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

L: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**C: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

**Offering** *(At this time our usher will bring our thank offering to the Lord.)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

**Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.**

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

**Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.**

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

**In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.**

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

**In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort. **We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART**

**612**

*Stand*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**HYMN: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD**

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